Non-Lethal Gas weapons for NSG

2208. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NSG has sought Government's approval for the use of non-lethal gas weapons in hostage rescue operations;

(b) whether the NSG is keen to use the Fentany-Halothane gas mix which was used in the recent moscow hostage rescue operations; and

(c) whether the NSG is being imparted with other aspects of commando operations and motivational attributes displayed during the Entebbe hostage rescue operations by Israeli commandoes and the recent Afghan operations against Taliban by American crack forces?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The NSG is conducting Commando training in all its manifestations.

Crime against women

2209. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the crimes against women are increasing and loopholes in the existing relevant laws help the culprits to go scot-free in the court of laws; and

(b) if so, what is the percentage of conviction in such cases and has any study been made by Government or social organisations to get speedy time-bound trails as rate of convictions going up and at the same time humiliation of the victims in courts is eliminated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) As per the information compiled by NCRB, the number of cases of crime against women reported, the number of cases where trial has been completed, the number of cases convicted and the percentage of conviction in such cases during the years 1999, 2000 and 2001 are as under:

Year	No. of cases Registered	Trial completed	Cases convicted	Percentage conviction
1999	135771	73688	27914	37.9
2000	141373	80435	32044	39.8
2001	143866	84543	31832	37.7

'Police and 'Public Order' are the State Subjects as per the Constitution of India. However, the Government of India have been advising the State Governments from time to time to improve the criminal justice system.

The Government have also set up a Committee under the chairmanship of Dr. (Justice) V.S. Malimath, former Chief Justice of Kerala and Karnataka High Courts to consider measures to revamp Criminal Justice System in the country. The Committee has the mandate to review the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and the Indian Evidence Act, 1872.

Promotions in schools under NDMC

2210. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether 40/100 Point Roster on reservation was applicable in promotions from Nursery/Primary Teachers to Head Mistress/Master under NDMC;

(b) if so, total promotions made upto 1998 and between 1999 to date;

(c) roster points meant for reserved category employees in 1998 and upto 2003 and actually promoted out of total promotions;

(d) backlog during 1998 and from 1999 to date;

(e) whether the Council has taken any action on letters received after 6th November, 2002 from All India Association for SC/ST and Physically Handicapped Peoples Upliftment; and

(f) if so, give details and if not, the reasons therefor?